



The Cited Art

The concerning prior art has been studied and commented below:

Hanes, Douglas (Application Publication 2002/0182369) discloses a hook and loop system for contact and disengagement of surface pads. The latter system is equipped with low melt fibers (element **62** on figs. 4,5 and 6) added to felt (element **60** on figs. 4,5 and 6) to increase gripping power. Essentially, the melted fibers provided by Hanes reduce softness of felt and incidentally increase abrasiveness which can scratch a floor.

U.S. Patent No. 6,586,071: Hanes discloses a protection system equipped with low melt fibers with a gripping mechanism made of loop and hook. My invention is constructed with no melt fibers and the gripping method is more efficient and made of mushroom shaped hook.

U.S. Patent No. 4,241,469: this creation invented by **Perazo** consists of a sheet of polishing fibers which can be used for the cleaning or polishing of all kinds of metal objects. The purpose of my invention is completely different since my creation consists of protecting the floor from scratching by apposing a pad of clinging felt fibers under furniture.

U.S. Patent No. 6,846,759: Copperwheat invented a process of protection for automotive interior, furniture and upholstery. The process consists of coating different furniture with a composite. The purpose and the process are totally different from my invention.

The Advantages of my Invention

In my invention, gripping element is mushroom shaped. Furthermore, there are no melt fibers added thereby maintaining softness of felt pad (felt pads for such applications have been sold in the U.S. since 1991). Moreover, as it is shown on figure 1 (annexed at the end of this

amendment), the mushroom shape provides a much stronger gripping power (grabbing efficiency on 360°) than the Hanes' protection system: comparing to the Hanes' system equipped with loop and hook, my system outfitted with loop and mushroom grips on automatically over a multitude
5 of felt fibers and consequently, renders my invention more efficient.

In addition, I have shown on figure 2, a shear test figure. To test fibers subjected to either loop and hook or loop and mushroom and by sliding one pad over the other, it can be readily demonstrated, a person may separate a hook and loop system with a normal, for instance, twenty
10 pound strength. The same person may not be able to separate a mushroom and loop system because the latter (mushroom) has a greater surface area of contact over 360° as it shown on figure 1 and explained earlier.

This invention is particularly efficient because of a need of keeping softness of felt in contact with floor and to provide extra shear strength.

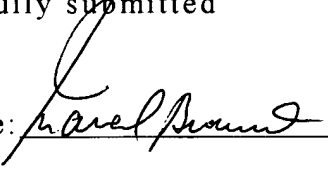

15 None of the prior-art floor protector system devices can provide these new and unexpected results. Since the novel above physical features of applicant's device provide new and unexpected results over any reference, applicant submits that these new results indicate unobviousness and henceforth patentability. Accordingly applicant respectfully requests
20 reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

I hereby declare that no new matter has been added nor any technical information that was not present in my application as originally filed.

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In view of the foregoing, applicant requests early and favourable reconsideration of the application.

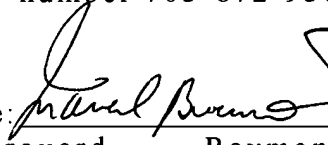
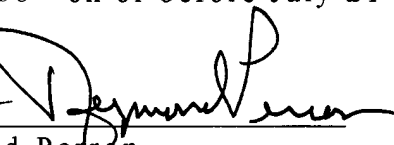
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